(f) what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 2.38 crores.

(c) No, Sir. Only those items of furniture which were procured to meet additional requirement and were surplus i.e. beds, bed-side tables, and wooden setties were offered for sale to DDA Employees at 50 per cent of the cost price for used items and 75 per cent of cost price for unused items as approved by the Lt. Governor/Chairman, DDA.

(d) As per Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXXXV, Annexure No. 41.]

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Not applicable in view of (e) above.

Productivity of wheat and rice

1666. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the productivity in wheat and rice is below the world average in spite of the green revolution;

(b) if so, the extent thereof; and

(c) what efforts have been made to increase production of wheat and rice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) A statement giving productivity of wheat and rice in the country vis-a-vis average for the world is as under:

Prdouctivity per Hectare

(*in Kgs.*)

	India (1983-84)	World (1983)
Wheat	1851	2153
Rice (Paddy)	2185	3127

Although India's yields are lower than world average, these have registered significant increases during the past few years, and continue to show positive trend.

(c) Measures taken to increase production and productivity of wheat and rice in the country include—

(i) increase in irrigated area and efficient water management;

(ii) increased use of HYV and certified seeds;

(iii) increased application of fertilisers and adequate plant protection measures;

(iv) development of technology suitable for problematic areas;

(v) launching of special rice production programme in Eastern States; and

(vi) adoption of appropriate pricing and procurement policies etc.

Slum dwellers in Calcutta

1667. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of slum and jhuggi dwellers in Calcutta during the last three years; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to build houses for the slum and jhuggi dwellers and the time to be taken for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) According to the Survey conducted by the Government of West Bengal for identifying slum population, the estimated slum population for Calcutta was 30.28 lakhs during 1981.

(b) Housing is a State subject. Central financial assistance is given in the shape of 'block loans' and 'block grants' to help the State Governments to implement the social housing schemes in accordance with their needs and plan priorities

Krishi Vigyan Kendras in North Eastern region

1668. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what criterion is adopted in establishing these Kendras;

(b) whether Government have received any applications for the establishment of the above Kendras from the North-Eastern Region; and

(c) if so, what are the names of the States and Union Territories in the North-Eastern Region which have applied for the setting up of the Kendras?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) The following criteria are adopted in establishing Krishi Vigyan Kendras: (a) the proposed district must have an agricultural potential; (b) the proposed district does not have training facilities for farmers and farm women; (c) there should be an Agricultural Research Station in the nearby area to give technical support to the proposed Krishi Vigyan Kendra in the district; (d) the State Government must give concurrence for starting Krishi Vigyan Kendra in the proposed district; (e) the district must be relatively backward; and (f) the State Government/Agricultural University/Voluntary Organization must provide 50 acres of developed farm with some basic infrastructural facilities including roads, water-supply etc.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has received three proposals for establishing Krishi Vigyan Kendras from the Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat and one proposal from Tripura.

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Modular design of three bed room house designed in U.K.

1670. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state whether DDA has studied the modular three-bed room house designed and constructed commercially in U.K., according to customer's specifications, plumbed and wired with all fittings including carpets and curtains, provided in the self-assembly Pack?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): The Delhi Development Authority has no information about it.

Irregularities by recruiting agents

1671. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of complaints regarding irregularities by recruiting agents for